(d) if so, how Government have permitted DESU to organise the function in a 5-star hotel?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (d) The information is be. ng collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Promotions in Vayudoot

2906. SHRI MOHD. KHALE-ELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state: \

(a) whether Vayudoot maintains a general seniority list of manager;

(b) if so, whether the senior appointments are made strictly on the basis of merit and seniority; if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the role of Director General Civil Aviation in such promotions; and

(d) whether any representation has been received in this regard, if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Director General Civil Aviation has no role to play in the promotions made in Vayudoot.

(d) No, Sir.

Retired officials of AI and IA working in Vayudoot

2907. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that some retired officials from Air India/ Indian Airlines are working in Yayudoot;

(b) if so, in what capacities retired Deputy Managing Director of Air India, Mr. H. C. Kapoor and Retired Director of Indian Airlines, Shri C. S. Malhotra are working in Vayudoot; and

(c) what amount has been spent on them w'th regard to the'r salar'es and other perks and what are their contributions?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Services of Shri H. C. Kapoor and Shri C. S. Malhotra are being utilised by Vayudoot Limited from time to time as consultants for specific projects. The services of Shri H. C. Kapoor are being utilised for engineering audit, reorganisation of Engineering Department and strengthening of ground infrastructure. As per the arrangements, he is paid Rs. 5, 000/- per month in addition to facilities for stay and transport for the number of days spent in Vayudoot's work in Delhi. Shri C. S. Malhotra has been engaged for a pericd of 3 months on a consolidated amount of Rs. 50, 000 plus conveyance charges, boarding and lodging at outstations for undertaking audit of the Personnel Department, re-organisation of Personnel Department, preparation of Recruitment and Promotion Rules and Delegation of Power Rules.

Coal-based Thermal Power Stations in Andhra Pradesh during Eighth Plan 2908. SHRI TALARI MANO-HAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state the number ' of ceal-based thermal power sta-

tions likely to be set up in Andhra Pradesh during the Eighth Five year Plan peiied?

THE MINISTER OF ENER GY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): The Eighth Plan has not been finalised so far and the number of coal-based ther mal power plants likely to be set up in Andhra Pradesh during the Eighth Five Year Plan would be known only after its finalisation. However, Unit No. 4 of Vijaywada Thermal Power Project Extension —Unit 3 & 4 (2X210 MW) and Rayalseema Thermal Power Pro ject (2X210 MW) are envisaged to be commissioned during 1990-91 and 1993-94 respectively.

Action taken on Reports of Commissioner of Railway Safety

2909. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) How many reports have been submitted by the Commissioner of Railway Safety during the last one year;

(b) What are the main features of these reports; and

(c) What action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Altogether 6 reports have been submitted by Commissioner of Railway Safety during 1989-90.

(b) In these reports, the nature and cause of accidents, the estimate of damages to Railway property, casualties, relief work etc. are examined. Apart from the above, the responsibility for accidents is fixed and specific recommendations on safety related aspects are made.

(c) In 3 cases Government have issued appropriate instructions on the basis of recommondations made. However, remaining 3 cases are under process for further action.

Irregularities in submission of Electricity Bills by DESU

2910. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances have mentioned in their report about the gross irregularities being committed by DESU in the submission of electricity bills to the consumers; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what corrective steps have been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) According to the DESU the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances had conducted a study on the simplification of procedures for billing and refund of security deposits by DESU. In their report, it has *inter-alia* been suggested to follow a uniform procedure in all the Districts for preparation of meter-sheets: introduction of rotational meter reading: identification of connections where bills have not been issued for m ore than a year; introduction of spot billing system on trial basis, feasibility of issuing the first bill on actual reading and the next bill on assessment basis on monthly/ bi-monthly intervals; dispensing with the system of security deposit for Govt, accommodation and transfer of security deposits in case of private accommodation etc.

As a result of the implementation of many of the suggestions Study of the Team, and taking other measures to